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Ozone Early Action Compact Information

Background

On July 18, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the nation for ground-level ozone from a 0.12 ppm (parts per million) 1-hour "peak" standard to a 8-hour "average" standard. This new standard is commonly referred to as the 8-hour standard. Currently, all areas of Tennessee attain (meet) all national ambient air quality (NAAQS), including the 1-hour ozone standard. However, when implemented, the 8-hour standard could result in a number of areas of the State being determined not to meet standard and being designated as non-attainment for ground-level ozone. When the attainment designation occurs, the State must recommend to EPA the boundaries of that are not in compliance with the ground-level ozone standard, and must submit a plan that demonstrates how the State will bring those areas back into attainment. Also, when attainment designations occur, areas are subject to General and Transportation Conformity non-attainment New Source Review requirements.

The Early Action Compact (EAC) serves as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among government agencies representing, collectively, local governments, state government, the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board (TAPCB), and EPA. It is for the express purpose of commitment to EPA's "Protocol for Early Action Compacts Designed to Achieve and Maintain the 8-Hour Ozone Standard".

This "Protocol" allows for early voluntary 8-hour air quality improvement plans to be developed through a "Compact" between Local, State, and EPA officials for areas that are in attainment of the 1-hour ozone standard, but approach or monitor exceedances of the 8-hour standard. On preliminary data for 2000 through 2002 a number of areas may not be in attainment of the 8-hour ozone standard. Thus, the areas are eligible and good candidates for Early Action Compacts.

The EAC requires the development of an early action plan that includes all necessary components of a comprehensive air quality plan, but is tailored to local needs and driven by local decisions. As long as all Compact terms and milestones are met, the effective date of non-attainment designation is deferred, as are related requirements. The early action approach will expedite the timeline for achieving emissions reductions than EPA's expected 8-hour implementation rulemaking, while providing "fail-safe" provisions for the area to revert to the traditional State Implementation Plan (SIP) process if specific milestones are not met. EPA plans to make the designations for the 8-hour ozone standard in 2004.

While the Department is interested in pursuing an Early Action Compact for ground-level

is recognized that developing the technical requirements necessary to create an app to submit to EPA under the tight timeframes involved is a difficult task. However, the and environmental benefits that could be derived from early actions warrant moving forward with this effort.

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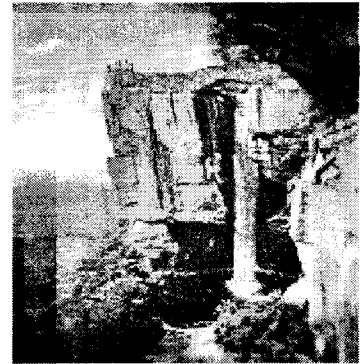
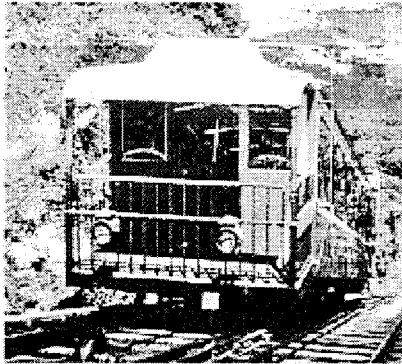
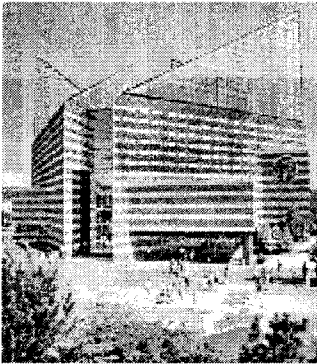
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